

# Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education *Update*

## **New Bureau Chief Appointed**

The Governor has appointed John V. Griffin as the new Bureau Chief.

Mr. Griffin has been self-employed as a consultant for private and public organizations and institutions since 1990. He has consulted with the Nevada Department of Education, the Nevada Advisory Council for Vocational-Technical Education, and the University of Nevada System, among others. During that time, Mr. Griffin also served as Director of the American Rehabilitation Corporation.

Mr. Griffin comes to his new position with more than thirty years of experience in postsecondary and vocational education, including ten years as Administrator for the Nevada Commission on Postsecondary Education. The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) is very pleased to have an individual with this depth of knowledge and experience in this area.

## **Emergency Regulations to be Adopted to Implement Registered Institution Provisions**

In the last week of February, the Bureau met with a task force of representatives from various types of registered institutions to gather input on proposed regulations to implement the registered institution provisions of the new Act. The initial proposal was amended following the meeting of the Task Force, and the [draft of the proposed regulations](#), ac-

companying this newsletter, is the result of these efforts.

The Bureau asks that all institutions and interested parties **provide comments to the Bureau no later than March 20, 1998, at 5:00 p.m.**

Following this comment period, the Bureau intends to adopt emergency regulations to implement the registered institution program.

## **Status of Advisory Committees**

As indicated in the last newsletter, appointments to the advisory committees were held until the appointment of the new Bureau Chief. With the appointment of Mr. Griffin, DCA and the Bureau will begin interviewing candidates that have filed applications and begin making appointments the latter part of this month or in early April 1998.

## **New Telephone System at the Bureau**

The Bureau has installed a new telephone system. During the first two weeks following installation, Bureau staff worked with the vendor to program this new system to improve services.

To contact the Bureau, please call 445-3427. Once you have reached the automated attendant, you may enter the extension of the person to whom you wish to speak, if you know the extension, or enter the letters of the person's first name, and you will be automatically transferred to the appropriate extension. If you are unsure about whom you should contact, you

may stay on the line and an operator will assist you.

## **Questions & Answers**

**Q:** We believe that we will be eligible to apply for registration as a "registered institution". When will the new application be available?

**A:** The proposed regulations to implement the application process for "registered institutions" are attached to this newsletter. Please see the second Article regarding these regulations on this page of the newsletter. Once these regulations are adopted, a new application for registration will be available at the Bureau. The Bureau expects the "Application for Registration" to be available no later than April 10, 1998.

**Q:** We believe we are exempt from the new Act. How can we obtain a letter from the Bureau verifying this exemption?

**A:** The Bureau is in the process of developing an application for certification of an exemption. In addition, regulations must be developed to permit the Bureau to issue a certificate of exemption for other than qualified religious institutions, and establish an application fee. The Bureau expects to establish this process and fee by the middle of May 1998, and have the application for certification of exemption available at that time.



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## ***Q&A and Issues***

**In keeping with our commitment to provide an *Update* and provide answers to questions that will benefit schools and students, we have provided a *Q&A and Issues* form that may be submitted to the Bureau at 1027 – 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95816, Attention: Cindy Thompson**

We are concerned about the following issue and would like the Bureau to provide more information concerning this issue in the next issue of its *Update*:

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We would like the following question researched and answered in the next issue of the Bureau's *Update*:

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I may be contacted at \_\_\_\_\_ to obtain clarification on the nature of the issue  
(Area Code & Telephone #)  
or clarification of the question by staff of the Bureau.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature

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Please Print Name